GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA

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DISINVESTMENT OF PSUS
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to reinitiate the disinvestment process in some of the PSUs;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) whether the revised disinvestment policy has been formulated;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the view of the different political parties on the issue and the further reaction of the Government thereto;

(f) details of money credited to National Investment Fund (NIF) so far as also utilized; and

(g) the policy of the Union Government vis-Ã -vis implementation with respect to the fate of employees in each of the disinvested PSUs?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (S.S. PALANIMANICKAM)

(a) to (e) On 6th July, 2006, Government decided to keep all disinvestment decisions and proposals on hold, pending further review, which is yet to be completed. Three power companies, viz., Rural Electrification Corporation Limited (REC), Power Grid Corporation of India Limited (PGCIL) and National Hydro-electric Power Corporation Limited (NHPC), propose to make Public Offerings of equity equal to 10% each of their pre-issue paid-up equity capital. Government would piggy-back with an `Offer for Sale` of 10%, 5% and 5% respectively out of its shareholding.

(f) Till date, no funds have accrued to NIF.

(g) Does not arise in view of reply to (a) to (e) above.